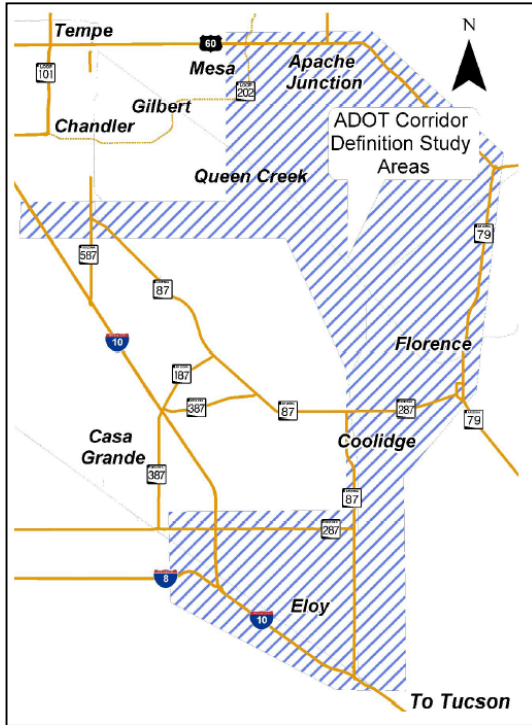




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CORRIDOR DEFINITION STUDIES



The **Arizona Department of Transportation** is currently conducting three corridor definition studies to assess the need for and feasibility of potential new facilities in the study area shown to the left:

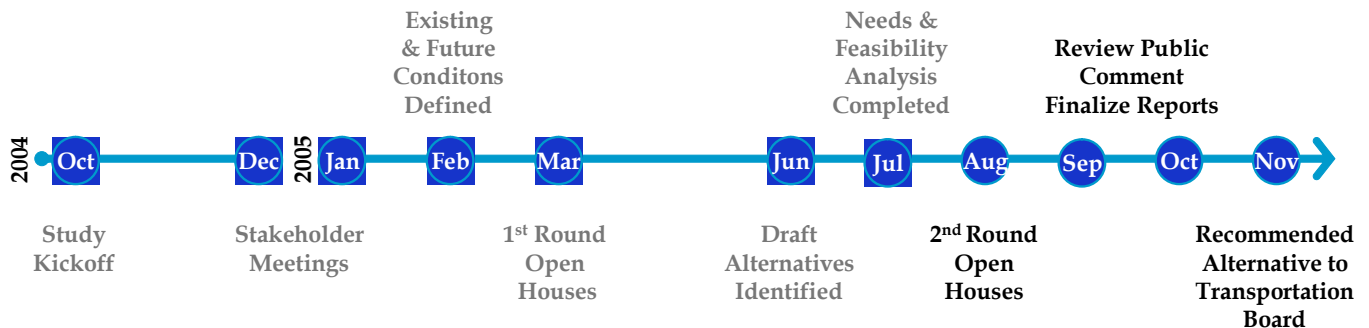
- **Pinal County Corridors Definition Study**
 - The East Valley Corridor (I-10 to Florence Junction)
 - The Apache Junction/Coolidge Corridor (I-10 to US 60)
- **US 60 Corridor Definition Study** (From the end of the Superstition Freeway to Florence Junction)
- **Williams Gateway Corridor Definition Study** (From Loop 202 to US 60)

Purpose of Studies

The purpose of the studies is to make recommendations on the general location of transportation corridors in the two-county study area, the types of future transportation facilities and the jurisdictional responsibility for the facilities. For areas where new corridors are needed, determinations will also be made as to the feasibility of construction in that area given the existing physical, environmental and community constraints. The corridor studies will not address detailed issues such as exact alignments or design for any roadways.

Progress

The three studies were initiated in the fall of 2004. An inventory of existing and future conditions was developed and a first round of public participation meetings was held in the spring of 2005. Regular meetings were also held with the Technical Advisory Committees. The needs and feasibility analyses for the corridors were recently conducted. This information is presented at today's open house.



Recommended Corridors

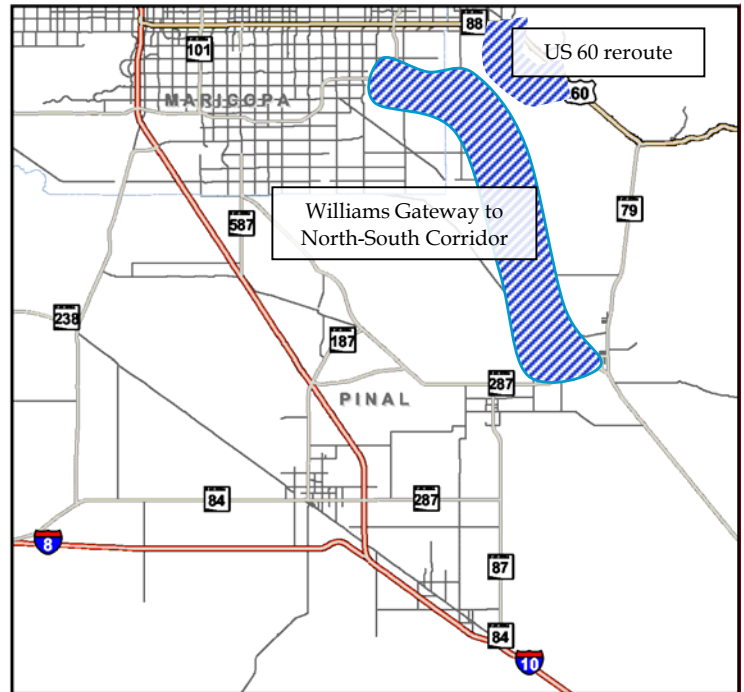
As a result of study participants' input and the analysis of future travel needs, a need was identified for approximately 50 miles of new corridor:

- A reroute of US 60 in the Gold Canyon area; and
- A Williams Gateway to North-South corridor that connects Loop 202 in Maricopa County to either SR 79 or SR 287 in Pinal County.

Key Findings of Needs Analysis

The needs analysis yielded system-level strategies to support planning for new corridors:

- New corridors cannot function without arterial development in Pinal County
- Widening and access management (control of intersection spacing and driveway access) on all state highways is key as the counties grow
- Right-of-way protection by zoning authorities is recommended for future corridors
- Continued coordination between ADOT and local jurisdictions is essential for development of the system



Feasibility Analysis

Feasibility analyses have also been conducted for each of the studies, focused on fatal flaws and other concerns that may impact implementation:

- There are acceptable locations for construction of new facilities
- Connections between new corridors and existing roadways need to be determined
- Drainage studies and environmental mitigation will be required
- Integration with local development is needed
- Developing new freeways would likely cost \$2 billion

Next Steps

- Public input on the needs and feasibility analysis received at the open houses will be reviewed
- Feasibility analysis of selected corridors will be completed
- Recommended corridor definitions will be developed
- Final study reports will be produced
- Findings will be presented to the State Transportation Board in November 2005

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